

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

One Hundred Years Ago.

PAINTS AND OILS.

Thomas C. Wordin has lately received in addition to his former supply a general assortment of the following articles: White, red and black lead, Paris white, stone yellow, cake yellow, spruce yellow, king's yellow, Turkish umber, Spanish brown, verdigris, litharge, Chinese vermilion.

EWES FOUND.

Taken up by the subscriber, three ewes, without horns and with short tails. The owner can have them by proving property, paying charges and calling on Esch Jennings, Greenfield.

DIVORCE NOTICE.

Whereas James Simmons of Greenfield, in the county of Fairfield, hath a petition depending before the superior court holden in Danbury, within and for the county of Fairfield, on the 3rd Tuesday of September, 1916, against his wife, Esther Simmons, praying for a bill of divorce from her on account of her willful desertion from him for more than three years, and also of her having been guilty of the crime of adultery; and the said Esther Simmons having absconded out of this state to parts unknown.

There are therefore to notify said Esther Simmons to appear before said superior court and show reason (if any she hath) why the power of said petition should not be granted.

DAVID BURR, Clerk.

Fifty Years Ago.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NEW YORK ITEMS.

New York, July 24.—Court of inquiry in the case of Richard Hill, summer at Ellis Island, charged with embezzlement, has resulted in his honorable acquittal.

The board of health report only two cases of cholera today. In Brooklyn three cases, two fatal.

THE CHOLERA.

There is no occasion for alarm but

Brazil to Act Upon Interned Merchantmen

Rio de Janeiro, July 24.—The plan of disposing of German ships in Brazilian ports will shortly be taken up by the Brazilian congress. Deputy Goncalves Neta is preparing a resolution authorizing such a regulation which he will present to the chamber.

There are 33 German ships and four Austrian in Brazilian ports. They are estimated to be worth between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. Among the ships of the fleet are the Hamburg-American liner Bleucher, which has a net tonnage of 7,592.

Tear Up Block at Dangerous Corner

Protests were made today when workmen engaged in preparing Harrison street for Waverline, began tearing up the granite block at the corner of Elm street. Little attention was paid, however.

Two years ago, citizens in that neighborhood explained, the city engineer recommended laying about 50 feet of granite blocks at the corner because of the dangerous tilt there, to give vehicles a "purchase" in turning the corner. Many wagons had ever turned in rounding the curve. The block was laid and did serviceable work.

Today workmen began tearing this up. Waverline will be laid there. This it was pointed out, will make the corner more dangerous than it was when macadam was used there.

THREE HUNDRED ATTEND MORRISSEY'S OUTING

About 300 of the friends of William Morrissey attended an outing and sheep roast at Columbia park yesterday. The outing is an annual affair, but for the inclement weather a much larger party would have been present. Those who did attend had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The dinner was cooked under the supervision of George Griffin. At 11:30 a luncheon of clam chowder, corn, scallops, tomatoes, baked beans and cucumbers was served.

FREE CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CLOSED TO LABOR DAY

The Free Clinic for Crippled children, at the Hall home, 715 Main street, in accordance with its usual custom will be closed during August and until after Labor Day, in order to give the doctors and other attendants who donate their services to the work, opportunity for a vacation.

WHOLE FAMILY DROWNED

Houghton, Mich., July 24.—James W. Fryer, his wife and two children and the child of C. E. Westcott, all of Houghton were drowned in Portage Lake last night when their motor boat collided with another. Westcott and his wife were saved.

ANNUAL AUCTION OF WRECKAGE IS EVENT IN DIEPPE

Tossed Up By the Sea, It Is Sold to Havre Merchants by Government.

Dieppe, July 24.—Flotsam and jetsam cast up by equinoctial tides and sold here by auction under maritime regulations that date from the time of Colbert, reflect each year the destructive force of nature in fury at sea. In ordinary years it is small wreckage that predominates—minute salvages from sailing and fishing vessels such as pieces of rigging, fishing nets, broken rudders, barrels of tar and so forth, but the wreckage washed ashore on the coast of Normandy has lately gone beyond all previous records.

Jagged wounds in pieces of ships' hulls showing the traces of torpedoes, barrels, casks, cases, more or less chipped, dented, or crushed by contact with the sharp reefs, with cordage and smashed cabin furniture, life-saving belts, bales of rubber and cotton, barrels of oil and molasses, casks of tallow, with a conglomeration of apparatus and paraphernalia such as none but a mariner could identify or connect with any rational use, were collected in one lot along with a baby's cradle and a beheaded doll. The cradle was almost intact, the body of the beheaded doll was blackened as if by powder.

There are regular buyers of the flotsam and jetsam of this coast, who come here every year to speculate upon the season's disasters. The miscellaneous debris of an average year has acquired a certain value that none but these experts would venture to get out of it. This year, in harmony with the general movement, nearly everything brought war prices. There were some rare commodities in the salvage and there was sentiment.

The industrial alcohol, rubber, tallow and oil were at unprecedented prices, other miscellany that would have been comparatively neglected in ordinary years was readily turned into money.

The buyers come mostly from Havre, but this year many came from as far as Paris. The industrial alcohol went to a merchant from Arras, who is in the habit of trading with soldiers there under continual bombardment. Alcohol is rare along the front. With the cask bought by the man from Arras, the soldiers in that section will be able to heat their rations.

Life belts and buoys as a rule go begging with buyers from the interior. This year there was a taker for every one offered. A belt that resembled one of these white wreaths sold in Paris for the decoration of graves, with the inscription "a.s. Lomas, London," upon it, a belt to which some life had clung to the last moment of physical resistance, no doubt, brought the unheard-of price of 10 francs.

Great planks, ship's boats, and ladders, along with cabin furniture and bunk clothing, brought only the average auction price but the smaller debris—things no landlubber can expect ever to find useful, were snapped up by the buyers from the interior. If they showed the slightest evidence of having gone through one of the sea dramas of the great war.

All this wreckage gathered along the coast by customs officials, inventoried and classified, is sold after the legal lapse of time, if unclaimed before. The proceeds, less the "import duty"—are held for 30 years in the treasury of the Marine Invalids, and definitely acquired by that charity only if no one establishes a claim upon it in the meantime.

PASTOR CONDEMNNS NON-COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE

In a well delivered sermon to his congregation yesterday Rev. F. K. Kidder, pastor of the Summerfield M. E. church, condemned the conditions of streets and sidewalks in this city and the inadequate garbage collection. "No city," he said, "can expect to be safe when its alleys and streets are reeking with filth; when its garbage is collected only occasionally, and when its inhabitants, native and foreign born, are allowed to live like pigs in a sty."

"Safeguarding the Children" was the subject of his text which commended spending any amount of money to prevent the spread of illness among the children. He demanded that the city officials awaken to the responsibility with matters pertaining to health.

EAGLES GIVE DOYLE FINE TESTIMONIAL

As a token of their fraternal esteem and in appreciation of his efforts for their lodge members of Bridgeport series, No. 420, Fraternal Order of Eagles presented John J. Doyle with a handsome diamond ring. The stone is nearly a carat in size, set in a square platinum setting on the top of the broad gold band. Mr. Doyle is exhibiting it proudly and receiving the congratulations of friends.

A white shark, one of the most vicious of the shark family, was caught in Jamaica Bay.

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CYCLONES CAUSE BIG CHANGES IN THE GULF STREAM

Washington, July 24.—Has the Gulf Stream changed its course recently? Expert opinion is inclined to answer the question in the affirmative. But according to this same expert opinion, there is nothing unusual in a deflection in the course of the great warm current that has such a marked influence on climate.

Whatever truth there may be in the reports that the Gulf Stream is not following its usual channel but has approached nearer the coast of the United States, the fact remains that the deflection is merely temporary and the stream will resume its flow within its normal limits when temporary conditions that appear to have affected it are overcome by the steady, constant rotation of the earth.

Mariners have reported that the Gulf Stream is all awry. They found that it had shifted nearer to the coast. Some persons have attributed the invasion of Atlantic coast waters by sharks to this shifting. One theory advanced for the deflection of the stream was the influence of the drift of the big runs of American battleships in target practice, but this seems to have few supporters. Experts of the Hydrographic Office of the United States Navy, while not committing themselves to any suggestion or theory, appear to be of the opinion that the deflection is due to a disturbance of the Atlantic coast have served to check the result of the Gulf Stream's flow with the result that the eastward rotation of the earth is lessened, thus permitting the warm stream to spread toward the coast.

In order to get an expert opinion in the matter Secretary Daniels was asked to have the Hydrographic Office make a statement that would either set at rest the reports that the course of the Gulf Stream had been deflected or explain what measure of truth there was in these reports. At the instance of Secretary Daniels the following statement, signed by Captain Thomas Snowden, U. S. N., hydrographer of the navy, was furnished through the secretary's office:

"There is nothing unusual in reports of alterations in the position and course of the Gulf Stream, but these are mere ephemeral variations of the circulatory system of the Atlantic ocean. The Gulf Stream is assigned its position by the resultant of the forces which cause its existence, and the relatively small changes that are observed in its place and extent and rate of flow occur in response to changes in the resultant of such of its constituent causes as the winds of the globe and the distribution of temperature, salinity, and barometric pressure. As long as the rate of rotation of the earth remains unchanged and these remain within the same limits of variation from year to year and from century to century, the Gulf Stream will assume its normal place under normal circumstances, and will vary from its normal place, be it ever so little, upon each interference with those conditions which prevail in the long run.

"An illustration of this meaning, mention may be made of the effects of the passage of a cyclonic storm, such as has been passing along our coast during the last few days, in disturbing the normal interplay upon the Gulf Stream of the influence of the

normal winds and the rotation of the earth. By reason of the earth's rotation a mass moving freely in any direction will be deflected to the right hand side of its course of movement, and this deflective force is the greater the more rapid the movement is.

"Thus the water masses of the Gulf Stream flowing northward from the Strait of Florida have a tendency to move to the eastward; that is, there will be a pressure in that direction, which will vary in amount according to the rapidity of flow, causing the Gulf Stream water to go deep on the eastern side of the stream and allowing the heavy water from below to come nearer to the surface on the western side toward the coast of the United States."

"The counter-clockwise rotation of the winds of cyclonic storms passing through the western part of the Atlantic ocean along our coast gives rise to strong northerly winds in place of its normal southerly and westerly winds, and so their influence is to check the rate of flow of the Gulf Stream, and consequently to lessen the pressure of deflection to the eastward due to the earth's rotation and to allow the warm water of the Gulf Stream to deepen on the western side and the stream to spread beyond its usual confines toward the coast of the United States."

TWENTY DROWNED AS FERRY SINKS IN GERMAN RIVER

Copenhagen, via London, July 24.—Twenty persons were drowned when two ferry boats collided with each other on the Spree near Berlin on Sunday according to the Politiken. One of the boats was sunk.

NATIONAL DEFENSE BILLS AWAIT SENATE'S ACTION

Washington, July 24.—The national defense program will occupy the senate most of this week. Debate on the army bill, resumed today, is expected to last for several days and before the week is over senate and house conferees will meet in a struggle over a building program for the navy.

Efforts will be made to get final action on both army and navy conference reports early in August. Adjournment is set for August 19, but insistence on child labor legislation may alter the plan.

BIG TIN MILLS OPENED.

Pittsburgh, July 24.—Fifteen mills recently constructed at the McKee Tin Plate Co. were blown in today. Seven additional mills are being constructed and when completed there will be a total of 44, making the plant the largest of its kind in the United States.

DENTISTS IN CONVENTION.

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